



EAST RETFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

for

1939

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To the Chairman and Members of the East Retford Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1939, which has been drawn up in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health in their Circulars 1961 and 2067.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

DAVID S. CLARK.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area.....	111,024 acres.
Estimated Resident Population, mid-year 1939	19,780
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1939.....	5,020
Rateable Value at 1st April 1939.....	£76,071.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate at 1st April 1939	£311.

The Chief industries are:-

Brick manufacture

Agricultural Implement Works

and Joinery works.

The district is mainly agricultural, and there is no serious unemployment.

VITAL STATISTICS.

LIVE BIRTHS -

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	262	118	144
Illegitimate	11	2	9

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimates resident population13.8
 Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1,000 population15.0

STILL BIRTHS -

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	11	5	6
Illegitimate	2	2	0

Rate per 1,000 TOTAL Births 48.9
 Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population..... 0.60
 Rate per 1,000 population in England and Wales 0.59

DEATHS -

Total	M.	F.
247	116	131

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 12.4.
 Death Rate per 1,000 population in England and Wales12.1
 Death Rate adjusted in accordance with the Registrar-
 General's Areal Comparability Factor 10.9

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Deaths from puerperal causes -	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
puerperal sepsis nil	nil
other puerperal causes nil	nil

Maternal Mortality for England and Wales per 1,000 live births2.93

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	6	3	3
Illegitimate	nil	nil	nil

Death Rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births..... 21.5
 Death Rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 22.4
 Infantile Mortality for England and Wales 50

Two of these deaths were due to broncho-pneumonia, one to marasmus, one to prematurity, one to convulsions, and one to abnormal presentation. Two of the infants did not survive their birth a week.

MORTALITY. The deaths include those of 32 persons in institutions outside the district, 16 males and 16 females.

The above rates are calculated on the estimated population given by the Registrar-General as 19,780, an increase of 140 over that for 1938.

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The causes of death were:-

Whooping Cough	1
Influenza	11
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	5
Cancer	36
Diabetes	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage	23
Heart disease	60
Aneurysm	1
Other circulatory diseases	17
Bronchitis	6
Pneumonia (all forms)	7
Other respiratory diseases	1
Appendicitis	1
Other digestive diseases	1
Acute & Chronic nephritis	5
Congenital debility, premature birth etc.,	4
Senility	13
Suicide	2
Other violence	16
Other defined diseases	30
Diarrhoea 2 years and over	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

No important changes occurred during the year in the organisation or functioning of the services.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The whole of the work in connection with the Northern Area Water Scheme referred to in the last report has now been completed, and water was drawn from the two boreholes sunk at Everton, at the beginning of 1940.

Parishes in the southern part of the district derive their water supply from the Lincoln Corporation Water Main which passes through the southern part of the district. Samples of water from this source taken at regular intervals through the year have proved completely satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage. During the present year a long required improvement has been effected in the parish of Mattersey where open channels have been replaced by piped sewers which take both sewage and surface water. This work was done in conjunction with a County Council road improvement scheme.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area. Owing to the increased amount of work caused by air raid precautions schemes, government evacuation scheme, and other activities created since the commencement of hostilities, the number of inspections carried out by the Inspectors would appear to be sufficient to carry out general sanitary surveillance of the district.

HOUSING.

Number of houses erected during the year 1939

1. by private enterprise without subsidy -

Brick Construction...	...	...	...	...	20
Timber Bungalows	...	...	...	...	1
				Total	21.

2. By the Council under the Housing Act, 1936 .. 106.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a) total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 454

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 932

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulation, 1925 368

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 368

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 155

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 183

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice -

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 60

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year -

(a) Proceeding under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 114

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 155

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 nil

4. Number of cases of overcrowding remaining to be dealt with at January 1939 36

No. of cases ascertained during the year 1939 2

Overcrowding abated during the year -

(a) by ordinary changes in tenancy ... 6

(b) By re-housing in Council Houses ... 14

Net Number of cases of Overcrowding remaining to be dealt with - December 1939 18

Housing Conditions. A complete survey of all the working class houses in the parishes of East Markham, East Drayton, and Ragnall has been completed during 1939. A number of houses have also been inspected and dealt with in a further 23 Parishes in the Rural District.

Of the houses inspected, 155 required Official Representations and 114 were dealt with under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936. Demolition orders were made in respect of 33 houses and undertakings to reconstruct were accepted from the owners of 63 houses.

Overcrowding. At the beginning of the year, there were 36 houses scheduled as overcrowded and during the year 2 additional houses were ascertained to be overcrowded. 14 of these cases were abated by re-housing in Council houses* and 6 by ordinary changes in tenancy. There still remain 18 houses to be dealt with when a suitable opportunity arises.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	42	1(a) 32(b)	nil
Diphtheria	15	14(b)	nil
Pneumonia	22	-	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	nil
Erysipelas	3	-	nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	nil
Whooping Cough	7	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	8	3(c)	5
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	1(c)	nil
Totals -	102	51	13

(a) Conisboro' Isolation Hospital. (b) North Carlton Isolation Hospital.
(c) Ransom Sanatorium, Rainworth.

	Beckingham.	Babworth.	Bothamsall.	Clarborough.	Cottam.	Darlton.	Eaton.	East Drayton.	East Markham.	Everton.	Finningley.	Gringley.	Grove.	Ganston.	Hayton.	North Leverton.	South Leverton.	Misterton.	Misson.	North Wheatley.	New Wiseton.	Normanton.	Rampton.	Ranby.	Ranskill.	Scrooby.	Sutton.	Tuxford.	Torworth.	Wakeringham.	West Stockwith.	Mattersey.
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	5	2	-	-	-	
Diphtheria.	2										11							1						1		1	2	5	2			
Pneumonia	1	1		1		1		1	2	1		1	1		1		2	2			1						2		1	3		
Puerperal Pyrexia					1																						1					
Erysipelas	1										1							1														
Oph. Neonatorum																																
Whooping Cough			2														1					3										
Pul: Tuberculosis					1					2					1					1		1								1		
Non-Pul: Tuberculosis																										1		1			1	
TOTALS	5	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	4	1

TUBERCULOSIS . 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pul.		Non Pul.		Pul.		Non Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
20 - 35	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
totals	3	3	2	2	3	2	-	-

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR. SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Complaints and Inspections -

1. Number of complaints received during the year ...	...	...	62
2. Number of houses, premises etc, inspected ...	...	...	2555
3. Number of re-inspections of houses, premises, etc ...	...	...	503

Results of Inspections -

Notice Served	Statutory	Informal.
4. Abatement of Nuisance	0	51
5. Provision of New Drains	0	118
6. Provision of Sanitary Acc, repairs etc.	0	96
7. Provision of Wholesome Water	0	56
Total -		321.

Work carried out as result of above Notices -

8. Houses, Premises, etc., cleansed ...	...	...	10
9. Drains to houses and buildings, new provided ...	...	...	18
10. Drains to houses repaired, cleansed, trapped etc ...	...	...	86
11. Water Closets, new provided ...	...	...	5
12. Privies repaired ...	...	...	17
13. Pail closets, new provided and repaired ...	...	...	38
14. Removals of Refuse ...	...	...	29
15. Paving; new provided; repaired ...	...	...	132
16. Sanitary Accommodation. Conversions			
Privies converted to pails	25		
Pails converted to water closets	2	total	27

Water Supply -

17. Pumps and Wells Cleansed, repaired, covered, etc	...	...	2
18. New Piped supplies from Public Main	1677

Canal Boats Act -

Number of Canal Boats inspected	2.
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Legal Proceedings -

Summonses	NIL.
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